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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2005, requiring election of the above-referenced application to one of the following species:

- I. Embodiment where relative movement between the inner and outer cannula is rotational;
- II. Embodiment where relative movement between the inner and outer cannula is translational;
- III. Embodiment where relative movement between the inner and outer cannula is rotational and translational;

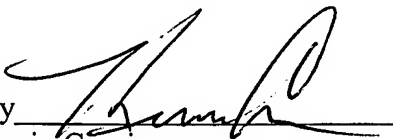
- IV. Embodiment where relative movement between the inner and outer cannula is automatic;
- V. Embodiment described in FIG. 4A to 4C;
- VI. Embodiment described in FIG. 5; and
- VII. Embodiment described on page 12.

Applicants elect the Species I, embodiment where relative movement between the inner and outer cannula is rotational. Claims 1-8, 11-15, and 18 read on Species I.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicants if such communication is deemed to expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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